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THE BELLS RANG AND NONE WERE TARDY

The public schools of this city opened this morning with the largest first day attendance in their history. Early this morning the youngsters were seen on the streets, some frolicking around in their finery, others in rags, but happy in the thought that in the schoolroom all had equal rights and that their teachers knew no distinction. Most of the schools are in a crowded condition and it will take a great deal of figuring to place the pupils in the different buildings in the best possible way.

Word was received from Principal E. A. Hunt, of the Second ward school, that he has fever at Belington and will not be here for some time. In the meantime his place will be filled by Carter L. Faust. Miss Addie Eliason has been employed to take the fourth grade in this school. Neither she nor Miss Amy Eliason could be present this morning because of the serious illness of their sister, Miss Bertha. Their places were supplied by Misses Ethel Crim and Effie Knapp, who will teach in the old Christian Church in the Fifth ward as soon as the division is made to relieve the South Side school.

All the other teachers were in their places and are ready to begin their work. All are enthusiastic, and notwithstanding the crowded conditions, it is expected to be a most successful year.

A great deal is expected of the High School this year. The kindergarten is rather an experiment, but will no doubt be successful. The enrollment in the latter will more than double in the next week. Miss Sara Morgan's room has the greatest number, 79, with prospects of a dozen more.

The following is the enrollment in the different schools:
High School, 98; Second ward, 341;

South Side, 382; Fleming, 127; Barnesville, 61; West Fairmont, 53; Jackson addition, 26; colored, 53; kindergarten, 15. This makes a total of 1,158, which is more than was ever enrolled at any previous opening.

KILLED HIMSELF

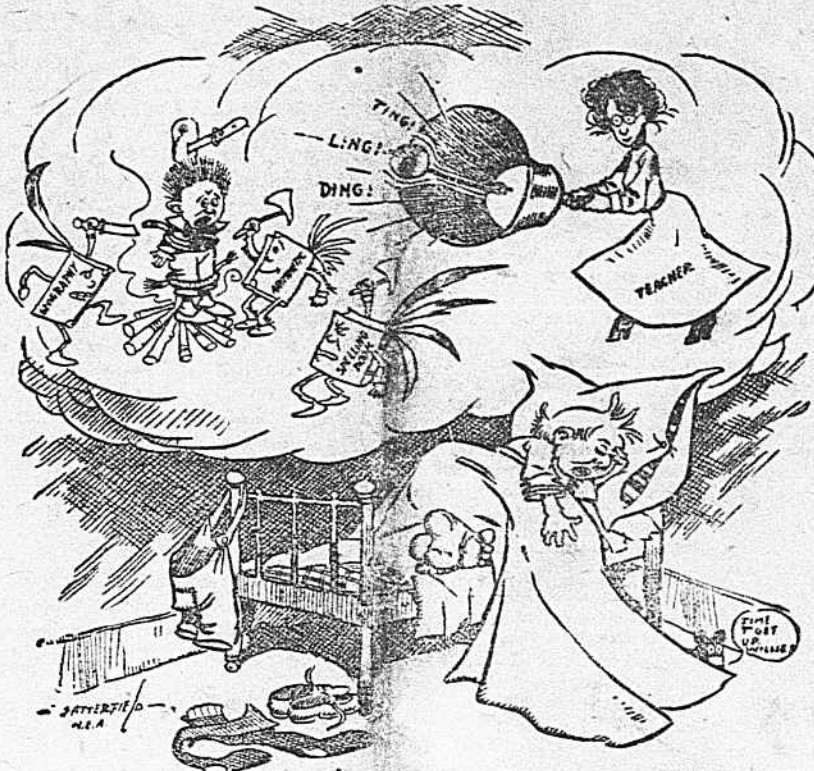
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE HAD A MANIA FOR SUICIDE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Capt. P. Leibhardt, superintendent of the dead letter office of the Postoffice Department, who committed suicide by shooting in his office at an unknown hour yesterday evening, was about sixty-six years of age. He has been at the head of the dead letter department since 1897, being appointed from the Sixth Congressional district of Indiana. His salary was \$2,500 per annum. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Inez Leibhardt, a clerk in the postoffice at Los Angeles, Cal. Miss Leibhardt had been chief clerk to August W. Machen up to the time of his arrest as a result of the postoffice scandal. It was upon her own request that she was reduced in salary and sent to the Pacific Coast. During the scandal the dead letter office was under investigation, but nothing wrong was found by the inspectors.

Captain Leibhardt left three letters upon his desk, two addressed to friends and one to his wife. In one of the letters he spoke of a mania that possessed him to kill himself, and said that he had tried Christian Science for relief without success. No other motive for the deed is known.

Best line composition books, pencils, etc. Burdette's.

WILLIE'S NIGHTMARE.



He plays all day until tired out. Then he retires, only to dream that school has begun. —Brooklyn Citizen.

BASE BALL SEASON IS NOW CLOSED

NEXT YEAR'S SEASON OPENS MAY 1—THE BOYS HAVE MADE GOOD SHOWING ON AVERAGE—IN BOX PARTY TO-NIGHT.

Much to the regret of every one, the base ball season has arrived at an abrupt end in Fairmont. The venture has been a decided success in every particular, making money for the owners and winning the majority of games played. Besides that, the team was composed of gentlemanly, young fellows who were very popular in the city, and it is no exaggeration to say that all in all it was just about the fastest team ever finishing a season in Fairmont. Captain Arch Bero will leave this evening for his home in Wheeling, but expects to return in a few weeks to accept a position recently offered him. Bero has been reported favorably to Morgan Kelly, of Cincinnati, and may go South with that team for practice next spring.

"Ginger" Douglas will leave to-morrow for his home in Lonaconing, Md. "Ginger" will likely be a member of next year's team, if he so desires. Harry Blumling and "Red" Fisher will leave to-morrow for Pittsburgh. The former resides in Sharpsburg, but will enter the employ of the Allegheny Drug Company, of Allegheny. Harry is a registered pharmacist. Fisher will start in training for the foot-ball season at his home in McKees Rocks. "Red" has quite a reputation as a gridiron warrior.

Gibbs has not yet decided as to where he will locate for the winter and may stick around here. He is a stationary engineer.

Jim Bryson will likely resume his former job at New Central. Bryson is an expert mine machine operator.

"Timmy" McDonald will go to his home in Wheeling to-morrow. Mac has been off color in his work lately, but promises to show them all something next year.

Wharton leaves to-night for home. He is also a Wheeling boy.

It is almost a settled fact that nearly every man of this year's team will be offered a berth here next season and all have signified their willingness to return.

Philippi left for Pittsburgh this morning. The season will start about the 15 of May next year, players to report May 1. Manager Slack will have the team again.

Following is the players fielding and batting averages:

	G.	A.	B.	H.	R.	AV.
Douglass	15	57	21	12	369	
Conaway	15	60	21	11	350	
Helm	16	59	20	11	339	
C. Vasbinder	10	36	12	7	333	
Stillwell	15	55	18	13	327	
Gibbs	49	183	59	36	322	
Fisher	31	108	31	33	287	
T. Vasbinder	34	118	33	17	279	
Bero	32	137	38	23	277	
Edwards	23	80	22	7	275	
Wayman	23	84	23	12	274	
Adamson	17	65	16	9	243	
Wharton	25	88	21	15	239	
Blumling	16	57	13	2	228	
Bryson	55	216	47	29	218	
Fleming	4	14	3	1	214	
McDonald	52	207	38	33	184	
Qualey	14	46	3	2	065	

MINISTERS ARE PREPARING TO GO HOME

The Western Virginia conference of the M. E. Church, South, is expected to come to a close to-day. The reading of the appointments for the coming year is always the last business before the conference. Many are anxious to hear where they will go and there are some places not desirable, but all are willing to go where they are sent and do the best they can.

The pulpits in the different churches yesterday were filled by the visiting ministers. All delivered good sermons and had good audiences. Bishop Smith preached at the Normal Auditorium to a very large crowd. He took his text from Genesis 22: 14, and in glowing pictures told of Abraham's faithfulness to God. Though the remarks were not flowery, the sermon was one which the common man is made better by hearing. A little sentimental perhaps, and especially rich in illustrations.

The sermon was followed by the ordination of deacons. The following were ordained: C. A. Bowles, M. G. Nutter, F. N. Nutter, C. M. Ball, L. J. Barnett and H. A. Spencer.

At three o'clock at the M. E. Church, South, services were held in memory of C. F. Brooks, of Guyandotte, and T. J. Haines, of Ansted, who have gone to their reward during the year. This service was followed by the ordination of the following elders: O. F. Williams, S. C. Hutchinson, C. C. Perkins, B. M. Keith, P. E. Thornburg and C. W. Craig.

The Sunday School rally at the Normal Auditorium last evening, was addressed by Rev. Sam Robinson, Rev. Odell and Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, the latter going there after his lecture at the Presbyterian church.

This morning the session was taken up with the reports of committees and such other business as came before the conference.

fore the conference. The session adjourned at noon to meet again at three o'clock. The appointments will be made either late this afternoon or an evening session may be necessary. When that is done the conference will adjourn and the ministers will leave for their homes. We will give the list of appointments to-morrow.

MRS. LOU BILLINGSLEA

Has Been Appointed Music Teacher at The Normal.

As announced in Saturday's paper, we are able to-day to give the name of the music teacher for the local Normal School. Mrs. Lou Billingslea has been appointed to the place and her appointment will no doubt meet with the hearty approval of the people. She is a most excellent and deserving lady and an accomplished musician. She has had considerable experience in her chosen line of work and we have no doubt she will fill the position with marked success.

Game Called Off.

On account of the illness of Capt. Glenn Stewart, who is at Cook's Hospital with typhoid fever, and the disbanding of the professional team, the game between the Y. M. C. A. team and it, which was scheduled for to-morrow, has been called off.

THE WEATHER.

Will Be Fair and Cool.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair and cooler to-night; Tuesday, fair.

DELIGHTED WHEELING AUDIENCES

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON" MADE EMPHATIC HIT AT COURT THEATRE SATURDAY—WHAT THE WHEELING REGISTER SAYS.

"A Chinese Honeymoon," a musical comedy that has set London laughing for three years and kept New Yorkers entertained for a year and a half, and also still holds the records for house receipts at the Court, appeared again there yesterday afternoon and evening before two delighted audiences. Some one has said "The Honeymoon" is like the brook, it will run on forever. From the opening chorus of the tea maidens to the final curtain the interest in the comedy, with its catchy music, never faltered. The same elaborate staging and costuming was given the performance yesterday as was given the premier, and that is no doubt one of the real reasons for the secret of



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the success of the piece. The principals did excellent work with the aid of a well drilled chorus, and succeeded in gaining an encore after the rendition of every musical selection down on the programme. Mr. John Kearney was a clever Pineapple and Little Georgia Bryson as Fifi was Katie Barry's double. Mr. Edward Howe made a hit with his new song, "Oo Long Li." The other old favorites, "Roly Poly," "I Want to Be a Lady," "Mr. Dooley" and others scored immensely. It might be well to say that the bridesmaids chorus was quite attractive in every particular. The production has had some new business infused into it that makes it really more attractive.

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A FINE TRIP

THE FIREMEN'S EXCURSION ON THE ISAAC MASON WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENT.

The people who went on the firemen's excursion on the steamer Isaac Mason yesterday had a most enjoyable trip. The boat went as far as lock No. 9 and returned to Fairmont about nine o'clock P. M. A good sized crowd was on board and about \$180 taken in, out of which the expenses have to be paid. Junkins' Band gave a concert at Morgantown besides furnishing excellent music at different times during the trip, which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Though the undertaking deserved a larger patronage, members of the department desire to express their thanks to the people who helped them in different ways, some by going on the excursion and others by aiding in working it up. Many good people gave things to eat and prepared the same. Especially are they grateful to Junkins' Band which was very generous in offering its services. Those who went on the trip will long remember the happy occasion.

MAINE

WILL VOTE TO-DAY—REPUBLICAN MAJORITY WILL BE EMPHATIC AND SWEEPING.

AUGUSTA, Maine, Sept. 12.—Maine's voters will to-day choose a governor, four members of Congress, a State Legislature and county officers. The campaign has been quite a spirited one upon both sides. Politicians of both parties agree that the majority for the Republicans will not be so large as it has been in recent years.

The Hon. William T. Cobb, Republican candidate for governor expects not less than 15,000 plurality.

Democrats as a rule are hopeful that the Republican plurality will fall as low as 10,000.

Friend Burt's Funeral.

The funeral of friend Burt took place at Mannington yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. The services were held at the residence of Miss Marie Burt at the old Burt homestead. A number of people from this city attended.

BLOODHOUNDS ON MURDERER'S TRAIL

THE SLAYER OF YARDMASTER PORTER IS THOUGHT TO BE IN HIDING ON REDSTONE CREEK.

BELLEVERNON, Pa., Sept. 12.—Late last night word was received here that J. W. Ezell who Saturday night murdered Yardmaster Porter at Newell, by slashing his throat with a razor, had been located. The report says he is at a point on the Redstone Branch of the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston railroad. A train was immediately made up at Brownsville and left to make a record run toward Uniontown. At one o'clock this morning the train returned having discovered no sign of the fugitive. If found, Ezell may expect little mercy from the railroads. Coroner Arthur S. Hagan arrived at Newell Sunday afternoon and held the inquest. Operator Peter Coyne, who was an eye witness, told his story. If the murderer is caught his evidence will be sufficient to convict. The jury brought in a verdict naming Ezell. Details that came to-day make it evident that the killing was premeditated.

Ezell had been at Newell about four weeks, going there from the Pittsburgh

office of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie where he had been employed as a clerk for six weeks. Friday, which was pay-day, he was reported drunk to the Chief Dispatcher.

Saturday night he was again unable to work and was put out of the office. A little later he went to the telegraph office and awaited Yardmaster Porter's return. It was after Porter had entered the office and called up Yardmaster Donohoe at this place that Ezell made the assault.

A number of train crews were lying over at Newell and they joined in the search for Ezell as soon as the alarm was given. A yard engine was run out of here to Newell, bearing Chief of Police John H. Clinton and other officers.

Chief of Police Snow at Charleroi, sent bloodhounds over on a special train, a record breaking run being made and just four hours after the murder the hounds took the trail. Four or five miles were traversed but the dogs lost the scent and the officers gave up the pursuit till morning.

TO BALTIMORE

Many Local Members Went to the Monumental City to the Big Meeting.

Among the Eagles who left for Baltimore this morning to attend the meeting of the Grand Aerie were W. R. Riggs, A. M. and Charley Berns, Tom Howatt, A. N. Miller, Russell Adams, R. A. McDonald, Dr. J. O. McNeely, A. R. Shaw, Wirt and Harry Knapp and Fred Hagar.

Members of the order were picked up all along the line from Columbus to this city, and it promises to be the case all the way to Baltimore.

played three games or more except Morgantown and Cumberland who have each won four out of seven. Thirtynine won and twenty lost is the season's record, giving the team a percentage of .661.

To-night the members of the team will occupy box seats at the Grand, as the guests of a few prominent business men who admired their work this summer. The manager of the Y. M. C. A. team has also purchased box seats for that organization.

COMPANY H

THE BOYS GOT HOME THIS MORNING—HAD A GREAT TRIP.

The members of Company H arrived this morning on No. 5. They left Manassas yesterday about three o'clock and arrived in Grafton on a special train this morning, after passing a sleepless night. None of the boys are sorry they went on the trip, but many things took place which were not wholly in accordance with their home life, such as lying in a trench all day without anything to eat, but such is the life of the soldier and besides Company H was on the winning side.

This morning the boys straightened up their stores and were turned loose at noon. Most of them put in the afternoon asleep. They were greatly profited by the maneuvers at Manassas.

A Business Meeting.

There will be a business meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the Library Parlor at 7:30 to-morrow evening. All members are urged to be present.